



Many of us just decorated our lawns with homemade crosses to remind people of the message of Easter – and it was beautiful. What is going to happen to those crosses now? Will we keep them out? Will we put them away? I do not think either is right or wrong. I think the bigger question is what we will do now with the *message* of the cross?

You know, if people would have put homemade crosses in their yards when Jesus was walking on the earth, their neighbors probably would have thought they were crazy, or just bad people. The cross was a symbol of pain, death, and shame. It was the worst way to die, reserved for the worst criminals. Yet it was the way that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords demonstrated His love for us. If you think that is hard for people to believe now, just imagine what it was like for people who had seen public crucifixions. But Christians back then immediately started sharing the message of the cross after Resurrection Sunday. Paul said this to the early church as a warning and an encouragement:

*'For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside ." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.'* 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is both relevant and needed. Do not be afraid or hesitate to share it with others today. He is still risen. He always will be.